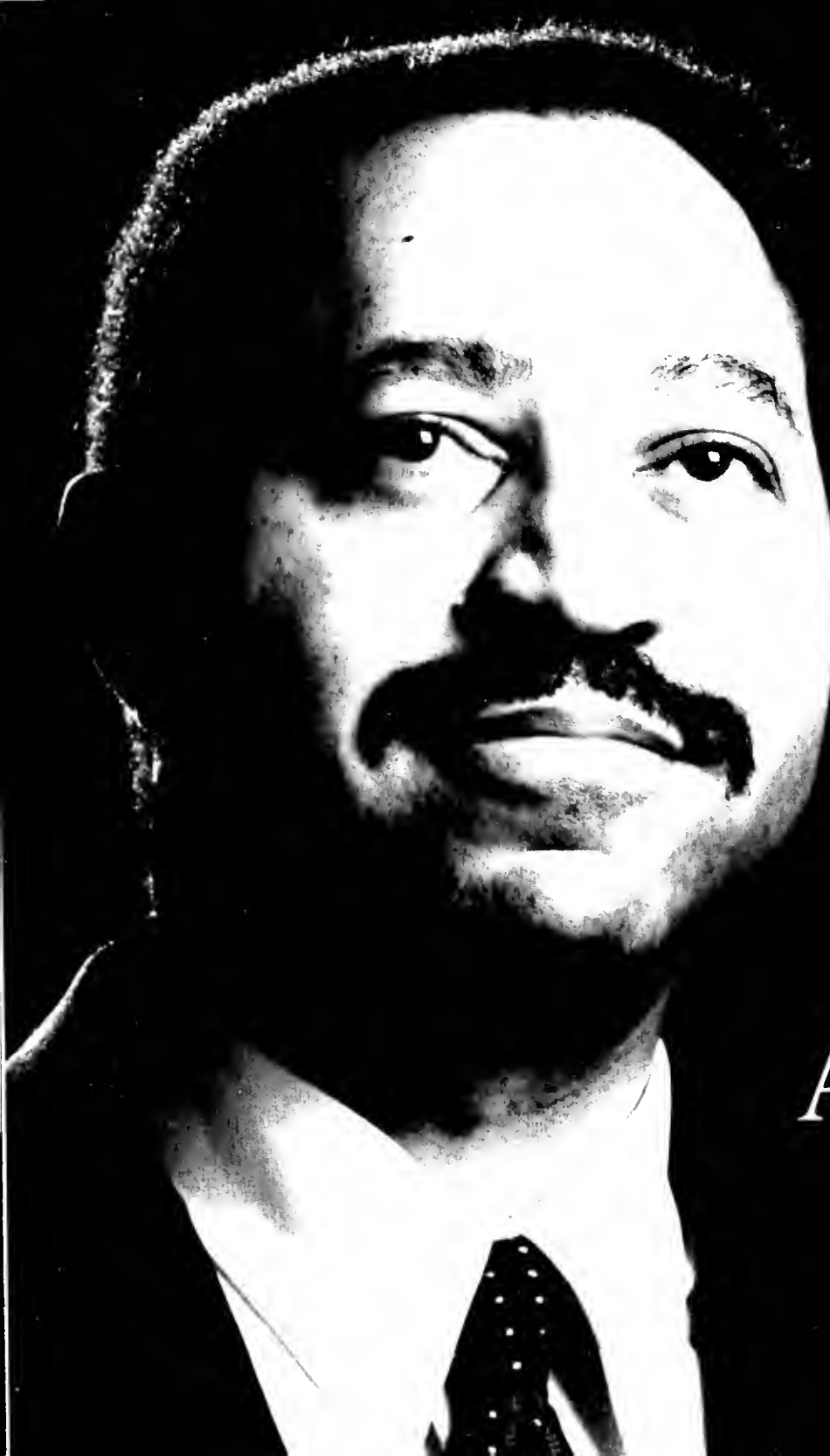


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"WHO SAYS NOBODY'S PERFECT?"

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BACK COVER: Hundreds of well-wishers from campus and town gathered in early February to welcome President Atwater and his wife, Beverly Roberts Atwater. Photograph by Keith Bower.



WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE *By Karen Gresh*



Robert Camp, right, dean of the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology, and Felipe Ucroz in the soon-to-be-completed trading room

Had they been investing real money last semester, the students in the IUP Finance Association's trading competition would be sitting pretty today. The average of the thirty or so virtual portfolios they established nearly doubled the performance of the Standard and Poor's 500 index over the same four-month period.

"The Finance Association hopes to make the student trading competition intercollegiate in the future," said Felipe Ucroz, association president. "Instead of competing against other IUP students, the traders would compete against students from other schools. We'd also like for the association eventually to manage real funds."

Robert Camp, dean of the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology, which sponsors the Finance Association, said, "The students in the Finance Association, and especially in the trading competition, exemplify the reason we need state-of-the-art facilities to educate for the real world. Within this calendar year, with completion of our trading room, we'll have taken a major step in that direction."

The Finance Association's membership is international as well as talented. Ucroz, a Colombian, estimates fully half the association's fifty or so members are international students. With dual majors in Finance and Economics/Mathematics, he himself came to IUP three years ago from Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá. This

summer, after graduation, he will head for New York and a job as an investment banking analyst with the global finance firm of Lehman Brothers.

The association's international character notwithstanding, it was an Indiana, Pa., student, Jesse Meals, who won last semester's trading competition. Meals works with other students on the association's Social Committee, which, despite its name, does not plan dances or mixers. Instead, the committee works to build relationships with the finance world outside IUP.

The Social Committee brings recruiters and alumni speakers to campus, and, with help from James Leda '95 and Dean Camp, recently sent three students to visit Merrill Lynch in Manhattan. Several association members have received job offers from big firms, Ucroz said.

The Finance Association has enlarged its focus in recent years, Ucroz said, to provide students with more practical experiences—like the trading competition, a placement initiative, and trips to symposia. Ibrahim Affaneh, chairperson of the Department of Finance and Legal Studies, has also worked to build a mentor program with IUP alumni and other executives, who share financial news and career advice with the students. ☺



KAREN GRESH

INTERVIEW BY KATH BOYER

Securing *the* Future

TONY ATWATER WAS BORN IN NASHVILLE BUT RAISED ALL OVER THE WORLD. HIS FATHER WAS IN THE AIR FORCE, AND BY THE TIME HE WAS FIFTEEN, IUP'S NEW PRESIDENT HAD LIVED ON THREE CONTINENTS. IRONICALLY, THE EXPERIENCE TAUGHT HIM A LOT ABOUT AMERICA.

"In the military schools, there were kids from everywhere. Every racial and ethnic group was represented, and there were all kinds of dialects. We all melded together. It gave me an early and deep appreciation for diversity."

The schools he attended on military bases had, he said, higher standards than those to which he might otherwise have gone. Atwater and his twin brother, Terry, flourished.

"From elementary school all the way through junior high," he said, "we had excellent instruction in writing and English. I discovered my greatest aptitude was for writing and for communication in general."

Not all the communication was verbal. One of his father's first tours of duty with the family took them all to Germany.

"We lived on the second floor of a house, and a German family lived on the first," Atwater said. "They spoke no English. We spoke no German. We got along fine—through nonverbal communication and simple friendliness. I'm convinced that language may not be the great barrier we perceive it to be."

There were other schools and other friends in Okinawa, which was hot, and Bangor, Me., which was cold. By the time Atwater was in high school,

the family lived in Roanoke, Va. His basketball coach at William Fleming High School required players also to run cross country. He played basketball and ran for more than two years. Long-distance running, Atwater said, "builds character."

Atwater graduated from high school in 1969, a few months after his seventeenth birthday. At Virginia's Hampton University, he was, he said, "a pretty studious person." He majored in journalism and mass communication, specialized in radio and television production, and worked at the campus radio station.

In the year that followed his college graduation, any trace of accent still clinging to his speech disappeared forever at a broadcasting academy in Washington, D.C. Atwater learned how to speak with a microphone, how to deliver news and sports, and how to cue up music. He later filled roles as news director, assignment editor, and reporter at Virginia radio and television stations and went to work as a radio-television specialist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

"I produced university broadcasts," he said, "but I also worked with Virginia Cooperative Extension agents throughout the state. I worked with perhaps twelve agents at a time, teaching them how to prepare for appearances on television. Most had

Tony Atwater in
the Sutton Hall
boardroom

Ph.D.s. They were very interesting people.”

The experience taught Atwater two things: he enjoyed teaching and he enjoyed the company of people with advanced degrees. He began to see possibilities in university professorship. Having taken graduate course work in education at Virginia Tech, he applied and was admitted to the Mass Media doctoral program at Michigan State University.

In 1983, Atwater received a Ph.D. degree in communications research from Michigan State. Despite the university's normal preference for faculty members with doctoral degrees from other institutions, he was selected as a Journalism professor. He taught, he founded a radio-TV news laboratory, and he met the woman who became his wife.

Beverly Roberts-Atwater was born in Jacksonville, Fla. She received a bachelor's degree from Fisk University in Nashville and a master's degree from New York University. At Michigan State, she earned not only a Ph.D. in counseling psychology but also a medical degree.

As a licensed psychologist and as a physician who specializes in physical medicine and rehabilitation, Roberts-Atwater has most recently been in private practice; many of her patients are recovering from strokes, spinal cord injuries, and joint replacement surgeries. According to her husband, “she is a great patient advocate and caregiver. In her office, the patient always comes first. With her background, she is able to deal with patients on an emotional level as well as a physical one.”

In addition to teaching at Michigan State, IUP's new president also served as assistant director of the university's honors college. He has done postdoctoral work at the University of Michigan in communication and at Harvard in higher education administration.

Atwater's career has taken him and his wife to Kentucky, where he was dean of the College of Professional Studies and Education at Northern Kentucky University; to New Jersey, where he was chairperson of the Department of Journalism and Mass Media at Rutgers; to Connecticut, where he was special assistant to the provost at the University of Connecticut; and to Ohio, where he was associate vice pres-



**Tony Atwater and Beverly Roberts-Atwater
in the official residence**

ident for academic affairs at the University of Toledo. Atwater's most recent post before starting at IUP on February 1 was as provost and vice-president for academic affairs at Youngstown State University.

Although he has worked in a lot of places over the last two decades, Atwater said that at IUP, “I'm looking to be here as long as I'm needed. I'm sensitive to the university's need for continuity, given the leadership upheavals of the last few years. Tony Atwater is a finisher.”

Among the projects he would like to finish—or at least see well on their way to completion—are the Regional Development Center and an ambitious long-range plan for campus housing. He would also like to see the university maximize the impact of the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security and the Robert E. Cook Honors College.

Established in the early nineties through a gift from its namesake, a member of the university's Class of 1964, the Honors College admitted its first class in 1996. Cook's initial gift of \$3.26 million tops a long list of his ongoing benefactions. “Bob Cook's generosity,” Atwater said, “has been unparalleled.”

The president said four key priorities will characterize his administration at IUP. These include (1) advancing academic excellence; (2) increasing significant IUP partnerships with the public, private, and social sectors; (3) increasing private support to IUP through the Division of Institutional Advancement; and (4) stable enrollment and incremental enrollment growth over the next five years.

Atwater said he also aims to address “how students view their role as adults in America.” Civic engagement, he said, may not be in vogue, but it is vital for “maintaining and securing the future of our communities and our nation.”

He intends, he said, to be active in the wider community—on the local, regional, and state levels—and he wants students to be active on those levels, too. “Students are the key to a promising future for the community, state, and nation,” he said. “They can and must capably exercise their responsibility as skilled and productive stewards of America's future economic and cultural vitality.”

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"I WANT TO GO TO THE TOP"




Chris Higbee started playing the violin when he was seven years old, because he liked a girl and wanted to impress her. She may well be impressed today with the success of the country band Higbee has put together. Known as the PovertyNeck Hillbillies, the band has a large and growing following that is spreading from southwestern Pennsylvania to the nation. ►

BY KATY GRESH

PHOTOGRAPHY BY BARRY REEGER





"Mr. Right Now" was heard on the Froggy country radio network. It later debuted at 73 on the Billboard country chart and remained there for twenty-six weeks.

Since those first violin lessons, Higbee, who graduated from IUP in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in Music Education, has focused on fiddling and singing. He has also taken on the guitar, mandolin, and banjo. What's more, he oversees the band's staff and day-to-day business operations.

"I started the band [in 2000] with the goal of stardom in its fullest capacity—triple-platinum, touring around the country—and every day it looks like we're going to do it more and more," Higbee said. "I want to go to the top."

PovertyNeck is the name of the Higbee family farm near Conneltsville. At a PovertyNeck Hillbillies show, you'll hear the seven band members, most of them from Fayette County, making the music of a band on the rise. At the show, as well as on the band's first CD, *Hillbilly State of Mind*, you'll surely find at least a few songs to dance to—from country, rock, pop, and even Motown.

"Our roots are from almost every genre. Our sound is unique," Higbee said. "It's all about changing the show around. It's all about keeping people's interest. We do get silly up on stage.

"We make our living getting in front of people and entertaining. It's not work," Higbee said. "The worst gig I've ever had is better than the best job I've ever had."

Whether his job is work or fun, Higbee said he is grateful for the maturity he gained at IUP. And the fun wasn't bad, either: Higbee was crowned Mr. IUP in the 1998 competition (fiddling Charlie Daniels' classic "The Devil Went Down to Georgia" for the talent portion) and also spent time on the rugby field and in Kappa Delta Rho fraternity.

Higbee did face some obstacles in college trying to break out of classical violin and to explore fiddling. But he received a lot of encouragement from one of his professors, Stanley Chepaitis. "He was open-minded," Higbee said, "and he was an excellent, excellent player."

The source of Higbee's greatest support was his father, Frosty Higbee, whose death two years ago resulted from leukemia. It was just before the band's first hit song, "Mr. Right Now," was heard on the Froggy country radio network. It later debuted at 73 on the Billboard country chart and remained

there for twenty-six weeks.

"I owe everything I know about this industry to my dad," Higbee said. "He couldn't carry a tune in a bucket, but he ran four or five profitable businesses."

A second CD by the PovertyNeck Hillbillies will be issued soon. A DVD of the band's live performance at the Pepsi-Cola Roadhouse in Burgettstown, Pa., is also in the works. The band was scheduled to appear at IUP in March.

Although other bands are opening for them these days, the PovertyNeck Hillbillies are proud of the stars they've introduced over the years. They've opened for Reba McEntire, Vince Gill, Lonestar, and Lynyrd Skynyrd, to name a few. At a show in Steubenville, Ohio, Higbee realized a fiddler's dream when he faced off against Charlie Daniels and his bow.

"Every day is a new adventure," Higbee said. 🎻

More information about the PovertyNeck Hillbillies is available at www.povertyneck.com

Chris Higbee performed with the PovertyNeck Hillbillies at Pittsburgh's Red Star Tavern in February.

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

MessFest, one of the Ambassadors' activities, brings students together for a weekend of dirty volleyball. One of last year's award-winning teams poses while trying to keep its plaque clean.



AMBASSADORS MAKE MUD COUNT

BY MARILYN KUKULA

It's 7:00 on an April morning in 2004, and Ryan Renz is out of bed early to help with a new event being held by the IUP Ambassadors, the Student Alumni Association. The sand in the Tri-halls volleyball court has been replaced with dirt. Now, Renz and a few other students are spraying water on it to prepare for MessFest, IUP's first mud volleyball tournament.

"It takes longer than you think to turn dirt into mud," said Renz, who is the president of the Ambassadors, a student service organization oriented toward alumni activities.

Along with building spirit with mud volleyball, Renz and his fellow Ambassadors help with tours for prospective students, phone IUP's top thousand candidates for admission to the university, act as hosts to alumni returning to campus for reunions or awards, offer a scholarship, hold a Kidz Karnival at Homecoming, organize the freshman yearbook, and hold activities to recognize seniors. "There are so many different experiences a student can have at IUP," said Renz, a senior accounting major. "Students who get involved get so much more out of their years here."

Each year, the Ambassadors donate thousands of dollars to the university from their fund-raiser, the annual tuition raffle, which offers tickets for chances at a free semester of tuition. "Last year, we had the most success-

ful tuition raffle yet," said Renz, who was in charge of the project as the group's vice president of finance. "We were really happy with that."

The Ambassadors raised more than \$26,000 last year, said Mary Morgan '91, the group's advisor. From that amount, expenses, such as mailing costs and the cost of the first and second prizes, were subtracted. The winner received a tuition prize of about \$2,400, while the second-prize winner received a \$175 gift certificate to the Co-op store.

The group then donated about \$9,000 to the university for three projects—the Regional Development Center building fund, Stapleton Library, and the Allegheny Arboretum at IUP, a project which is transforming the Oak Grove into a learning environment. "We try to give to things that will benefit all students," Morgan said.

The group was founded in 1993 by the IUP Alumni Association but is student run

and self-funded. Since the group was formed, the membership has raised more than \$88,000 for the university through a variety of projects and has awarded financial assistance to students in the form of tuition and prizes.

Morgan became the group's advisor about nine years ago as part of her job as assistant director of Alumni Relations. "It's really exciting to be around them," she said. "They're students who want to volunteer. They're bright and gung-ho."

To become an Ambassador, a student must be recommended by a faculty member and complete an application. After interviews with the current Ambassadors, a few lucky students are invited to join. The organization has grown from about twelve students in 1993 to thirty-eight students this year. Over the years, the group has won numerous district and international awards.

As a freshman, Holly Holt was shy and apprehensive about joining the IUP Ambassadors and was sick with

nerves at the thought of attending the first get-together. Over the next few years, she gained confidence and took on leadership positions. She attended conferences with students from other universities, polished her writing skills by producing the organization's newsletter, and enjoyed talking with the alumni returning for reunions.

Her senior year, a more confident Holt ran for president of the Ambassadors and won, ending her term in December, when Renz was elected.

"I loved it. It was the very best thing I did in college," said Holt, a Journalism major who graduated in December and is now working in Indiana, Pa., for a broadcasting company. "The IUP Ambassadors is a great organization," she said. "I'm glad I was in it. It completely changed me as a person." 🐾

Alicia Menne, front, a Sociology major from Williamsport, Pa., won this year's annual tuition raffle, sponsored by the Student Ambassadors. Behind her are Ryan Renz, president of the Ambassadors, and Stephanie Shankle, the Ambassadors' vice president for Finance. Both Renz and Shankle are from Indiana.



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GRAIG NETTLES

IN THE CARDS

Former New York Yankees star Graig Nettles and other baseball and football celebrities will be signing autographs on Saturday, June 18, at the Harrisburg Area IUP Alumni Chapter's sports card show. The show is at the Harrisburg Mall, located off the I-83 and Paxton Street Exit. Readers of *IUP Magazine* have the chance to order advance autograph tickets for use at the show or to purchase autographs by mail on eight-by-ten-inch color photos.

According to Carl Hisiro '76, the show's promoter, Nettles,

who had 390 career home runs, starred with the Yankees in the 1970s and early 1980s and played on four World Series teams, including the 1977 and 1978 World Series championship teams. Nettles also played for the Minnesota Twins, Cleveland Indians, San Diego Padres, Atlanta Braves, and Montreal Expos. Nettles was a five-time American League All-Star with the Yankees and was a National League All-Star in 1985 as a member of the Padres. Nettles will sign autographs at the show for \$25 each on eight-by-ten-inch color photos, cards, or baseballs. Autographs on bats and

game jerseys will be \$35 each. Inscriptions on any item will be \$10 extra.

At magazine press time, Hisiro said the chapter was negotiating to have former Yankees great Ron Guidry appear with Nettles and was also in touch with several members of the current Pittsburgh Steelers. Readers are urged to check the chapter's website at hbgareaiupalumni.org for an update on player appearances, prices, and times.

The June show will feature seventy dealer tables selling vintage and new sports cards, sports memorabilia and collectibles, and non-sports cards. Proceeds from the three-day show, scheduled for June 17-19, and from the autograph signings will be donated by the chapter to the Foundation for IUP for the chapter's scholarship endowment fund that benefits IUP students from the Harrisburg/York/Lancaster area and for the proposed Regional Development Center. The chapter has donated \$50,000 from previous card shows to the Foundation, including approximately \$38,000 to the scholarship endowment fund. The June show is the second this year; a February show was expected to raise additional funds.

Mail-order prices (which include return postage and handling) are \$32 for Nettles for an eight-by-ten-inch color photo supplied by the chapter. For other mail order items, readers are asked to call Hisiro to obtain pricing and mailing instructions. Those planning to attend the show to obtain autographs may order tickets in advance by sending a check made payable to Carl Hisiro and sent to him prior to the show at 108 Nicolas Court, Harrisburg, PA 17110. For advance ticket sales only, send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your order.

Finally, the chapter has for sale from previous shows a limited number of autographs on color photos of former New York

Yankees greats Bobby Richardson, Tommy Henrich, Gil McDougald, Tom Tresh, Joe Pepitone, Bob Turley, and Ryne Duren; former Pittsburgh Pirates greats Vernon Law, Bob Friend, and Kevin Young; and former Pittsburgh Steelers stars Mike Wagner and John Fuqua. To obtain more information on how to make these purchases or about the upcoming show, call Hisiro at 717-545-1181 or e-mail him at chisiro@paonline.com.



Courtesy of Sharon Frank

A NAME IN HIGHLIGHTS

Being around beautiful women, catfights, deception, and drama is all in a day's work for Nicole Frank '91. As a hairstylist in charge of grooming two of the stars of the TV series *Desperate Housewives*, Frank puts in fifteen-hour days to keep the actresses looking their best even in their characters' worst moments.

Originally from Boyertown, Pa., Frank fell in love with hair-cutting at an early age. Although she majored in English at IUP, she moved to Las Vegas only a few months after graduating and enrolled in the Southern Nevada University of Cosmetology.

Her work ethic and creative skills earned her a feature on the E! channel's *Fashion Emergency*

show as a rising hairstylist. Frank's career took a major leap in 1998 when she was selected as one of eleven hairstylists (out of two hundred applicants) to work at the Bellagio Hotel and Casino.

With new doors opening, she moved to Los Angeles and broke into show business.

Her first hair styling work for a film was an independent feature called *Creep*. Her follow-up work included other independent films and commercials, hairstyling and some makeup for video games produced by Westwood Studios (including *Command and Conquer: Tiberian Sun* starring James Earl Jones), the movies *Spartan* and *Sideways*, and several episodes of *The West Wing*.

"These last four years have been fast and furious," she said. "I've always had something to do." Since landing her job with *Housewives*, Frank has been putting in sixty-plus-hours' weeks.

She also worked on the upcoming movie *Lords of Dogtown*, which required her to create more than six thousand of her specialty hair extensions to duplicate the look of surfers and skateboarders from the 1970s.

Frank believes that her education helps her work better with producers. "They don't always expect that someone who is 'only' a hairdresser can deal with them on their own terms," she said. "Breaking past their stereotype helps me get further with them."

Although her work schedule kept her from vacation for several years, she is planning a trip to Prague. "There's been a lot of moviemaking there," she said. "But I really want to see the castles and gothic architecture. Plus, it's great for antiquing."

"Each day poses a certain set of challenges," she said. "I worked hard to get here, but I still feel lucky each day."

—Bruce Dries

Originally from Boyertown, Pa., Frank fell in love with haircutting at an early age.

BOMBS AWAY

Former Army bomb disposal officer Brick Revloc is a savvy, scrappy little guy with a penchant for getting into—and out of—tough situations around the world. Brick only exists in fiction, but his adventures are based on fact. Gregg Kocher '82 (writing under the pen name Burke Toliver) wrote *Adak* and *Cubane*, two action/adventure novels that feature Brick, after serving on active duty in the U.S. Army for eleven years as a bomb disposal officer.

Some scenes in the books are based on actual events Kocher witnessed. He helped clean up unexploded ordnance (UXO) in Kuwait and Baghdad during both Gulf wars. In his civilian job, he is a UXO safety specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, investigating former military bases for old bombs and bullets that were left behind.

For more about Gregg Kocher and his books, please visit IUP Magazine Web Exclusives at www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag



During a fire in an impact area, Kocher used a magnetometer to search for unexploded ordnance.



SUPER BOWL XXXIX: IN HER OWN WORDS

Unless you're a New England Patriots fan, the best part of this year's Super Bowl may well have been the pregame show, in which Alicia Keys performed "America the Beautiful" with students from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. Leslie Saxton Costello '93, M'97, director of music at the St. Augustine school, provided the following first-person account.

Our campus has 750 students, and Don Mischer Productions (the group that did the pregame and halftime shows) wanted a particular number of students selected. I identified our top seventy students in the Blind department, based on talent, motivation, and behavior. The Deaf department then matched our group (for a total of 140 students performing). My students ranged in age from 7 to 20.

We began rehearsals after the Christmas break, meeting twice a week. We familiarized the students with the song, worked on singing four-part harmonies, and focused on some singing fundamentals for those who had not participated in chorus before. Information about the pregame program filtered in slowly in bits and pieces, with the actual arrangement of the song not arriving until six days prior to our performance. The kids were amazingly patient and flexible with all the changes going on, including the day of the performance!

In the week before the Super Bowl, the music producer arrived from Los Angeles and rehearsed with the kids. Rickey Minor was the producer, and he has worked with some of the biggest names in music, not to mention being a great musician in his own right. He was awesome with the kids, very enthusiastic, upbeat, and playful. He even did an impromptu "jam" with some of my jazz band kids.

The day after Rickey's visit, the people from Don Mischer Productions came down to the school, and we practiced on the football field. Our maintenance staff had built an exact replica of the stage we would be using at the Super Bowl for our kids to use to practice on our field. Orientation and mobility were keys to getting our kids situated on the stage. We had eight minutes (we did it in four!) to get all the kids into place and one and a half minutes to get them off the field (lest they be trucked away by the Patriots).

The Friday before the Super Bowl, we had a rehearsal at the stadium. Most of the kids had never been in a stadium, and none had been on the field. I explained the differences to expect on game day—having performed in several stadiums with IUP's Marching Band, I knew what to expect and how to prepare for it.

Once our rehearsal was completed, we went back into the stadium's club level and waited for a final run-through of the timed pregame show. It was at this time that the students met Alicia Keys. She was

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THE HONORS COLLEGE

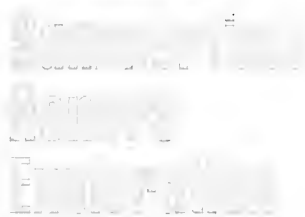
CHRONICLES

BY REGAN HOUSER & BOB FULTON



The Robert E. Cook Honors College staff (from left: Kevin Berszansky '00, Cindy King '03, Rick Kutz '94, and Janet Goebel) plan the upcoming Summer Honors Program for high school students.

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Arts, sciences, and humanities will fill a two-week session of learning and fun for high school students who participate in the Robert E. Cook Honors College's summer honors program, scheduled this year for July 10 through 23.

Participants reside in the Honors College's residential facility, Whitmyre Hall, and attend two classes a day. For their morning classes, students have chosen in past years from a list of courses consisting of Journalism, Biochemistry, Dance, Education, Philosophy, Music Performance, Media Analysis, Chemistry, Studio Art, and others. For their afternoon class, students attend an abbreviated version of the Honors Core Course.

During evening hours, after homework, students participate in activities, which have included

in past years field trips, dinner with faculty members in their homes, talent shows, and more. A team of IUP student counselors coordinates the activities.

In the past, students have traveled from as far as Texas and California to participate. The cost of the two-week session is \$750.

More information may be obtained by contacting the Robert E. Cook Honors College at 1-800-487-9122 or by sending e-mail to honors@iup.edu. To learn more about the Honors College itself, access www.iup.edu/honors.



The question isn't so much when senior Missy Swindel finds the time to sleep. It's if she sleeps at all.

Swindel, a student in the Robert E. Cook Honors College, maintained her cumulative 4.0 grade-point average in the fall semester while starting for IUP's

conference-champion soccer squad and devoting considerable hours to volunteer work. Her stellar play as a sweeper back enabled coach Adel Heder's Indians (19-4) to set a school record for victories and advance to the NCAA Division II tournament for the first time.

"I think it'll be hard to replace Missy," Heder said. "Her



Missy Swindel with Donna Dickie Putt '69, president of the Foundation for IUP Board of Directors, after Swindel received the Foundation's Community Volunteer Service Award last fall.

Keith Boyer

presence had a big impact on the team. She has good speed, she's strong, aggressive—she's a talented, sound soccer player. She's an outstanding student, too."

Indeed, Swindel has posted her 4.0 despite a challenging course load: majors in political science and history, minors in pre-law and Latin American studies.

The honors she's collected for excelling both in the classroom and on the field are almost as numerous as the A's on her transcript. For example, Swindel was named an *ESPN the Magazine* College Division first-team Academic All-American; was a first-team selection on the CoSIDA Academic All-District II squad, which includes players from non-Division I schools in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia; and received a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Top Ten award, which recognizes excellence in athletics and academics.

What's more, Swindel was presented the Foundation for IUP Community Volunteer Service Award for her role as founder and president of Access IUP, a program designed to motivate struggling ninth-grade students.

"We bring in underprivileged youths from within a two-mile radius of IUP," she said. "They choose between either English or science lessons, taught by college students. And we have skills-building workshops. These are kids that wouldn't normally apply to college. So we get them to think about their goals and doing well in high school, so they will end up going to college."

Between volunteering, academics, and athletics, Swindel's to-do list is longer than Methuselah's beard.

"I also play rugby, I ran track for two years, and I'm a member of a sorority, too," she said. "So I don't really sleep much." 🐼

Cookies and Camels

Professors like Mamie Anderzhon [Mentors, Winter, 2005] are likely part of the reason why my years at IUP were so filled with many fond memories. I had her for Intro to Geography my freshman year. I still remember how she brought out a platter of homemade chocolate chip cookies during our final exam because we had to miss lunch to take the exam. The limit of one cookie per student hardly satisfied my appetite, though!

I also remember how she saved the slide show of her trip to Egypt for the day ROTC was holding a special program and the boys had to miss the class. (Until 1970 or so, every freshman male was required to take ROTC, like it or not.) The girls later told us that Miss Anderzhon felt the slide of her riding a camel was too unladylike for the boys to see!

Anthony Bosnick '72
Gaithersburg, Md.

Where the Sidewalk Never Ends

I read the article by Interim President Reinhard in the Winter, 2005, *IUP Magazine* and wanted to comment on the residential renovations/new building projects that were mentioned. I think it is great that IUP is planning to build new student accommodations in a central location. In our world of ever more far-flung suburban living, it is good to see that the school recognizes the importance and value of a compact, centralized living environment. I never had a car my four years at IUP, and it never got in the way of my having a full college life. I was able to walk everywhere for everything I needed. I saw a marked change in my physical appearance after I graduated and went from walking untold miles every day to driving in a car most of the time.

It's too bad if schools are adopting the suburban development mentality when it comes to reshaping their campuses. This causes additional economic strain (forces students to acquire a costly car) and is not healthy for students, as it restricts walking. It can increase the chances of drinking and driving. And it can erode the close-knit community aspect of college. If everyone just drives in and out, a lot is lost. Students may not gather on the sidewalks as much; they may not attend evening or weekend activities; they may be more apt to skip class because of the distance, etc...

As an active alumnus in my fraternity, I visit IUP regularly. I have some friends that live out in the new-but-sterile townhouse development, and they offer for me to stay there. But I always choose the fraternity house, because it is centrally located and makes me feel free; I can walk

outside and traverse the campus at my will. Even if it means sleeping on a floor or using a less than sparkling bathroom.

Thanks for helping to steer IUP in a good, centralized direction.

Dong Sell '00
Philadelphia

The Song Remembers Bill

I am a 1979 alumna, having graduated with a B.S. in Consumer Services. During my college education, I frequented coffee houses—free entertainment provided in the dorms. My favorite performer, Bill Allison, came to my memory recently. His original songs, *From the Lady* and *Above the Jewelry Store*, and his Billy Joel renditions kept me in school!

During my freshman year I was having difficulties with my roommate and selecting a major—the typical new student uncertainties. Knowing that if I quit school, I would no longer hear him perform gave me the tenacity to find a new roommate and change my major several times. I would like to thank him, and find out if he is still performing, and possibly find out if he has a CD for purchase. I believe he lived in Pottstown or Pottsville, Pa. Would it be possible for your staff to research my inquiry?

He changed the lyrics to *Piano Man* to college life:

"It's a pretty good crowd for a Saturday
and the manager gives me a smile
'cause he knows that it's me they've been
comin' to see
to forget about classes for a while..."
and *You're My Home*:

"Home can be the Pennsylvania Turnpike
Indiana's early morning dew
High up in the hills of Punxsutawney
Home is just another word for you....."
I'll bet there are many students from my col-

lege era who would have their day brightened by memories of Bill Allison!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank my old college buddies, Donata Magnani, Marta Tridico, Gwen LaCoe, Brenda Royer, and Jeanie Stephens, for their support during my recent divorce. I got back in touch with them after twenty-five years!

Karen Kos Gierlaszynski '79
Tucson, Ariz.

(Editor's Note: We consulted the alumni records but couldn't find Bill Allison. Bill, if you're out there somewhere, please check in.)

Putting Names with Faces

I imagine my surprise when I saw (again) my picture with Marion Bankert on page 16 of the latest issue of *IUP Magazine*. Whoever informed you of our names? After all, we graduated in 1951 (a long time ago).

I have had a lot of fun with both the first "Welcome Alumni" picture and now the second. Thank you, *IUP Magazine*, and IUP for so many wonderful memories.

Marilyn Weaver Haack '51
Pittsburgh, Pa.

...Or Maybe Not

In the Winter, 2005, issue, you stated on page 16 that the girls in the Homecoming flyer were Marilyn Weaver and Marion Bankert.

The two pictured are from the Class of 1955—Kathleen Pebley is on the left and Mary Gunsallus is on the right. Both were Elementary majors, and neither were cheerleaders but always enjoyed a good laugh. Unfortunately, I don't know their married names, if they did marry.

May I offer a late thank you for the white-water article in the Fall issue. My husband, Robert Decker '52, used to take students on annual trips to Ohiopyle and always used the services of the Laurel Highlands River Tours.

Many thanks to that group for their care, expertise, and happy memories.

Rosemary Conlon Decker '55
East Springfield, Ohio

The Company We Keep

The Apprentice contestant **Omarosa Manigault Stallworth** provided the commemorative address "The Legacy of MLK: The Emerging New Civil Rights Leadership," for the university's Martin Luther King Day observation.

Documentary filmmaker **Keith Beauchamp** and former prisoner of war **Shoshana Johnson** lectured on campus as part of Black

History Month programming.

OnStage, the entertainment series, brought to campus visiting productions of *Cookin'*, *Contact*, and *Grease*.

Pianist **Emile Pandolfi** performed on campus in February for a scholarship benefit in honor of the arrival of President Tony Atwater and his wife, Beverly Roberts-Atwater. The performance was underwritten by the Reschini Group

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Designation of Codes

- AA Associate of Arts Degree
- CA Academy of Culinary Arts
- D Doctoral Degree
- M Master's Degree



SPIRIT OF '71: Several friends from their days at IUP gathered in Rehoboth Beach, Del., last fall. Front row, left to right: Diane Hambright Thomas, Kathy Meade McKean, Elaine Tselepis Sheetz. Back row: Nancy Dezort Suttentfield, Barbara Borkowski, Sharon Rhorback Lopes

1930s

LOUISE PACF KENOSH '30 served as a volunteer for the fall recruitment fair at IUP.

1940s

VIRGINIA HARTMANN LUBKER '45 and her husband, Robert, live in Cypress Village, a retirement community in Jacksonville, Fla.

1950s

ALLEN WOODS '50 served as a volunteer for the fall recruitment fair at IUP.

GRACE KACPROWICZ GRAINGER '56 attended the inauguration of the president of Fairfield University in Connecticut as an IUP representative.

Retired after thirty-nine years of teach-

ing for the Clearfield School District, SALLY LUNN TURLEY '56 was reelected to the Board of Trustees of the Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System. She lives in Clearfield with her husband, Don.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., resident KENLEY HOOVER '57 is vice chairperson of the BACCHUS and GAMMA Peer Education Network Board of Trustees.

1960s

In honor of the late EUGENE LEPLEY M'60, the Zink Hall pool will be dedicated as the Eugene E. Lepley Natatorium in May. Lepley was an IUP health and physical education teacher during three decades.

Hyattsville, Md., resident LAWRENCE KOZIARZ '62 traveled to Albania in March as a Peace Corps volunteer.

After retiring from the Greater Latrobe School District, where he was elementary teacher, principal, and then director of elementary education, GENE LEONARD '63, M'69 founded ScienceWISE, a support organization for hands-on science inquiry for elementary and middle schools in the Westmoreland and Indiana counties. He lives in Greensburg with his wife, MARILYN READ LEONARD '64.

JOAN LEPLEY SLOAN '63 represented the university at a college recruitment fair in Greenbelt, Md.

RICHARD MACEDONIA '66, president and chief executive officer of Sodexho, Inc., lives in Potomac, Md., with his wife, JANE WHALEN MACEDONIA '66, and their four children.

IUP faculty member GARY BUTERBAUGH '67 served as a volunteer for the fall recruitment fair at IUP.

JOE KLOBA '67, M'69, provost and chief academic officer at Palm Beach Atlantic University, lives in West Palm Beach, Fla., with his wife, SANDY MOORE KLOBA '67, a home health provider and owner of a pet-sitting business.

Retired after thirty-seven years of teaching business and social studies at Shade Central City Schools (Pa.), HERBERT MOORE '67, a registered PIAA basketball and baseball official for forty years, still teaches summer driver's education at Conemaugh Township High School. He lives in Windber with his wife, Carol.

After a thirty-six-year career teaching elementary education for the Penns Manor (Pa.) School District, PAMELA MAGAS SUGG '67 retired and moved to Crosby, Tex., with her husband, Tom.

ROSEMARY KENOSH BOGDEN '69 served as a volunteer for the fall recruitment fair at IUP.

After twenty-eight-years as human resources director for Susquehanna Pfaltzgraff, KAREN CULVER BROSEY '69 is district sales leader for Tanner Companies, the Doncaster line of women's wear, and is recruiting wardrobe consultants in central Pennsylvania. She can be contacted at kbrosey@suscom.net.

GAIL DAVIS EDWARDS '69, CEO of the Urban League of Pittsburgh Chapter School, lives in the city with her husband, Trevor.

1970s

Greensburg resident RODERICK BOOKER '71, M'76, band director

Awards

for the Hempfield Area High School marching band, took 250 band members to march in the 2005 Tournament of Roses parade.

EDWENA EGER '71, M'76, a design engineer for New Columbia Joist Company and a private pilot who flies her own plane, lives in Mifflinburg, Pa.

CHARLES MCGREEVY '71 served as a volunteer for the fall recruitment fair at IUP.

ROBERT FARABAUGH '72, of Etters, Pa., is president of the Harrisburg Association of Insurance and Financial Professionals and is chairman of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Retired U.S. Army colonel **STEPHEN ABEL '73**, the New Jersey deputy commissioner for Veterans Affairs, lives in Washington Crossing, Pa. For more information, please visit Web Extra at www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag.

Rehabilitation consultant **BRUCE MAGNUSON '73**, listed in *National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals*, lives in Colorado Springs.

KERRY REESE '73, head of the fish and wildlife department at the

University of Idaho, lives in Moscow with his wife, **NANCY STAROSIEFF REESE '73**, a special education teacher in the Moscow School District.

After thirty-one years of federal service, the last eighteen as regional director of the Pacific region for the U.S. Department of Labor, **RUSSELL ROCK '73** now works for the Fluor Corporation. He lives in Campobello, S.C., with his wife, Sally.

SHELLEY SHLEARER VANA '73, reelected to the Florida House of Representatives, lives in Lantana, Fla.

PATRICIA GURGOVITS WATSON '73 and her husband, Robert, own Help U Sell Real Estate in Kitty Hawk, N.C.

MARTHA KLEIDERLEIN CRAVER '74 attended the inauguration of the president of St. Bonaventure University in New York as an IUP representative.

GARY MCGOUGH '74 is a financial consultant at Smith Barney/Citigroup in Bellevue, Wash.

CHARLES PETERMAN '74 served as a volunteer for the fall recruitment fair at IUP.

KATHY GUENTNER '77, director of nursing quality and outcomes at the University of Pittsburgh Medical

Included in the Princeton Review's Best 143 Business Schools, 2003 edition

Eberly College of Business and Information Technology

Foundation for IUP Community Volunteer Service Award

To Melissa Swindel, a senior history and political science major from Toledo, Ohio

Region II Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Award

To Brett Mack, a senior Theater major from Indiana

2004 IUP Center for Teaching Excellence Faculty Recognition Awards

For content pedagogy: Elizabeth Gazza, Nursing; Fredalene Bowers, Human Development and Environmental Studies

For pedagogical research: Jamie Martin, Criminology

For diversity: Lingam Yang, English

For innovation: Gail Wilson, Communications Media

Admissions Advertising Awards, Admissions Marketing Report

To IUP's Communications Group: Gold Award for Video Production "Welcome to IUP!" which is shown to prospective students, and Award of Merit for *IUP Magazine*

Center, recently earned her Ph.D. in Nursing at Pitt.

RON MARKVAN '77 of Ambridge, Pa., is president of the Balalaika and Domra Association of America.

KURT WEBER '77, M'81, director of media relations at Monongahela Valley Hospital, lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Rhonda, and their daughters, Alison, Jessica, and Julie.

KDKA radio talk show host **RICK BERGMAN '78**, who received his third straight nomination as Best Talk Show Host for the March of Dimes Achievement in Radio Award, lives in Gibsonia, Pa., with his wife, Elisabeth.

TOM BICKERT '78 attended the inauguration of the president of Pennsylvania's Geneva College as an IUP representative.

RICK CREVELING '78 received his master's degree in geography from Minnesota State University. He lives in Stillwater, Minn.

LAURIE BAGGIANI O'BOYLE DONALDSON '78 received her

Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Duquesne University and opened a private practice in Warrendale, Pa. She lives in Cranberry Township with her husband, Richard.

DANIELLE COLELLA LAPORTA '78 represented the university at college recruitment fairs in Cherry Hill, Pa., and Collingswood, N.J.

MATT BRANIGAN '79, vice president and chief security officer for Brink's, and his wife, **MARIANNE COLLIE BRANIGAN '80**, a teacher for Fairfax County Public Schools, live in Springfield, Va., with their sons, Sean and Jake.

GLORIA 'KOOKIE' KAYLOR CATEVENIS '79 is vice president of Merely Players, a nonprofit theater group in the Baltimore/Washington area. She lives in Edgewater, Md., with her husband, James, and their three children.

DON HOWE '79 represented the university at college recruitment fairs in Haddonfield and Pemberton, N.J.

1980s

A retired professional wrestler and therapeutic dietitian, **MICHAEL**



Keith Boyer

ATWATER WELCOME: Pianist Emile Pandolfi, second from left, performed in a February concert sponsored by the Reschini Group. The occasion was "An Indiana Welcome" to President Tony Atwater, third from left, and Beverly Roberts-Atwater, third from right. Robin Wasser Reschini '93 and Roger Reschini are at right, and Judy Pandolfi is at left.

MAHALKO '80, M'90 is co-owner and director of Dane Castle, located in Strongstown, Pa., where he lives with his wife, Cathy.

DIANE WOODMAN PUSATERI '80 attended the inauguration of the president of Heidelberg College in Ohio as an IUP representative.

PHIL HENRY, '81, M'82, president of Henry Wealth Management, lives in Bridgeville, Pa., with his wife, **BETH ANDREWS HENRY '84, M'86**.

RUSS LOSCO '81, a soil scientist and co-owner with his wife, Cindy, of Lanchester Soil Consultants, is president of the Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists for 2005. They live in West Grove, Pa.

Muskingum College assistant professor of geology **STEPHEN VAN HORN '81** was awarded the key to the city of Cambridge, Ohio. He lives in New Concord, Ohio, with his wife, Debra.

EDWARD MCCROSSEN '81, president of Fiberlink Communications

Corporation, lives in Blue Bell, Pa., with his wife, Maria, and son, Edward, Jr.

DONNA SMITH BRUGNOLI '82 represented the university at a college recruitment fair in Englishtown, N.J.

JEFFREY MAUCIERI '82, principal of Altoona Central Catholic School, lives in Altoona with his wife, **LEANNE FARBER MAUCIERI '83**, a teacher in the Bellwood-Antis School District.

Glenshaw resident **PATRICK RUANE '82** exhibited his plein-air oil paintings in Pittsburgh last fall.

KEN HEINSCH '83, project manager for the construction company of George and Lynch, lives in Harrington, Del., with his wife, Debbie, and daughters, Amanda and Chelsea.

SEAN YARUP '83, an environmental safety manager for Montgomery County (Md.) Public Schools, lives in Gaithersburg with his wife, Rebecca, and son, Anatoly.

After completing the sale of his franchised businesses, Play It Again Sports, **DAN HENRY '84** joined the firm of Henry Wealth Management. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, **LAURI ZIGLIAR HENRY '84**.

INKEN CHAMBERS VAN CURA '85, an associate veterinarian at Pamlico Animal Hospital, lives in Washington, N.C., with her husband, Len, and children, Devon and Tianna.

TIM PULTE '85, vice president of land acquisitions for Pulte Homes (Connecticut Division), was named to the National Land Council for Pulte Homes. He lives in Southbury, Conn., with his wife, **LAURA DEMYANIK PULTE '85**, and children, Timmy, Brian, and Jack.

BETHANN PETERSON ROBERTS '85, a territory manager for the neuroscience division of Abbott Laboratories, lives in Denver with her daughter, Natalie.

CHERYL CLARK '86, '98, M'87 is an associate professor of accounting at Point Park University and lives in Worthington, Pa.

RICK DIMUZIO '86, associate professor at Berklee College of Music, is a professional jazz musician and composer and has released a CD entitled *First Offerings*. He lives in Reading, Mass., with his wife, **JENNY TABLER DIMUZIO '88, M'90**, and their two children.

REBECCA ROHLAND KERCHER '86, M'87 lives in Lebanon, Pa.

Financial planner **LARRY LEITCH '86**, managing partner of Synergy Financial Group and co-owner of www.termsinsurance.com, lives in Cockeysville, Md., with his wife, Joyce, and daughter, Olivia.

PETER ABRAMO '87, executive director of the Center for Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurial Studies at Cameron University, lives in Lawton, Okla., with his wife, **CHRISTINE DRAKSLER ABRAMO '87**, owner of Christine's Custom Horseshoeing. For more about Christine, please visit *Web Exclusives* at www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag.

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE was a concept former prisoner of war Shoshana Johnson emphasized as she spoke at the Hadley Union Building in February and accepted a commemorative Oak Grove box from President Tony Atwafer. Her appearance was part of the university's observance of Black History Month.



ROB PIERCE '87, an adjunct professor at the Pennsylvania College of Technology, lives in Muncy, Pa., with his wife, **MARIA RIZZO PIERCE '88**, a school psychologist, and their children, Joe, Olivia, and Michelle.

AMY SHUMAKER '87, a producer of creative services in interactive digital media at South Carolina Education Television, received a Freddie Award ("the Oscar of medical programming") and was nominated for the 2004 Japan Prize (website division) for her work on *Keep It Real*, a South Carolina public television documentary and website for teenagers.

A controller with Liberty Ridge Capital, **TERRI WARD SIMONETTI '87** lives in East Norriton, Pa.

LISA CURREN SWATLAND '87, director of marketing communications for the global consulting firm Watson Wyatt Worldwide, lives in Bethesda, Md., with her husband, Rob, and children, Luke, Norah, and Nate.

TOM COSTELLO '88, CEO of UpStreme, Inc., recently hired **GIANNA ALICEA '04** and **MARLEY BROWN '04**, both MIS graduates, as business analysts. He represented IUP at a college recruitment fair in Philadelphia and attended the presi-



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MANAGING NICELY: Jennifer Sigmund, left, Dixie Smith, center, and Courtney Smith put together dessert in Applications of Food Production and Service. Celebrating its fortieth anniversary, the Department of Hospitality Management is the second largest program of its kind in the commonwealth. Organized in 1965 as the Department of Institutional Management, the program grew and evolved through four name changes in as many decades. Two years ago, Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management became Hospitality Management. Department alumni work across the nation and around the world in a variety of professional endeavors.

dential inauguration at Thomas Jefferson University in Pennsylvania as an IUP representative. He lives in West Chester, Pa., with his wife, Beth, and children, Steven and Bryan.

JASON HAWKINS '88, chief financial officer of Fulton County Medical Center, was appointed the hospital's interim CEO. He and his wife, DeAnn, live in Needmore, Pa., with their children, Laura, Abby, and Owen.

GREG STEVE '88 is managing director and regional manager for National City Business Credit in Pittsburgh. He lives in Upper St. Clair with his wife, GINA GOVER STEVE '88, and their four children, Thomas, Ally, Jack, and Sara.

U.S. Army Major **MARK PIKE '89**, deployed to Iraq with the 228th FSB, lives in Coatesville, Pa., with his wife, Paisha, and their daughters, Kelci, Morgan, and Riley. He can be reached at Mark.Pike@U.S.Army.Mil.

RHONDA WILSON-SICKLES '89, an accountant for First Commonwealth Bank, lives in Nanty Glo, Pa., with her husband, Jerry, and son, Ira.

1990s

Lakeland, Fla., resident **ELAINE CHILSON '90**, a guidance counselor for Polk County Public Schools, received her master's degree from the University of South Florida.

A retired professional wrestler and therapeutic dietitian, **MICHAEL MAHALKO '80, M'90** is co-owner and director of Dane Castle, located in Strongstown, Pa., where he lives with his wife, Cathy.

CYNTHIA WELLS RISHEL '90, a preschool teacher in Bethel Park, Pa., lives in Jefferson Hills with her husband, Joel.

ELIZABETH GILES ROURKE '90, an associate mathematics professor at the College of Southern Maryland, lives in Mechanicsville, Md., with her husband, Timothy.

An acquisitions editor for Arcadia Publishing, **Jerry Roberts '78** of Carson, Calif., commissions and oversees photo history books. This year, four of his works will be published. Roberts is the coauthor of *Writings on the History, Mystery, and Science of Eastern North America's Great Cat*, which will be released by Stackpole Books. He also wrote *Roberto Clemente, a Ferguson Young Adult Career Biography*. Arcadia Publishing will release histories on two California towns, which Roberts coauthored: *Hawthorne* and *Hermosa*.

Michael Marks '79 of Upper St. Clair Township, Pennsylvania, is the author of a full-color, limited-edition coffee table book, *Neil Cost—Magic with Wood: A Photographic Collection of Unique and Rare Turkey Calls* was published by Long Cane Press. It features more than 230 of the most historically important turkey calls crafted by the late master callmaker Neil D. Cost of Greenwood, S.C.

Boardman, Ohio, resident **Patrick Pacalo '88** is the author of *Cold Warfare: A Compact History*, released by PublishAmerica. Pacalo is a former army intelligence officer who holds both a master's and a doctoral degree. The book focuses on covert action during the Cold War and cites formerly classified Central Intelligence Agency and Office of Strategic Services records.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

Mary Renck Jalongo, *Young Children and Picture Books* (second edition), National Association for the Education of Young Children
● **Mary Renck Jalongo**, *The World's Children and Their Companion*

LARRY 'BUZZ' WOOD '90 attended the inauguration of the president of the University of Pennsylvania as an IUP representative.

JIM ADAMS '91, a lead systems analyst for QVC Television, lives in Exton, Pa.

Animals: Developmental and Educational Significance of the Child Pet Bond, Association for Childhood Education International
● **Mary Renck Jalongo**, *Exploring Your Role: A Practitioner's Introduction to Early Childhood Education* (second edition), Prentice Hall, 2004

Edward M. Levinson, *Transition From School to Post-School Life for Individuals with Disabilities: Assessment from an Educational and School Psychological Perspective*, Charles C. Thomas

John A. Mueller (with Amy L. Reynolds and Raechele L. Pope), *Multicultural Competence in Student Affairs*, Jossey-Bass

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Elizabeth A. Gazza, *Corporate Compliance Training Manual*, National Nursing Staff Development Organization

Alida V. Merlo (co-editor and co-author of two chapters), *Controversies in Juvenile Justice and Delinquency*, Anderson/LexisNexis

Robert Mutchnick and Randy Martin, *Introduction to Criminology*, Prentice Hall
● **Robert Mutchnick**, *Introduction to Criminal Justice*, Prentice Hall

David M. Piper (with Patti Makowski), *The Elements of Human Resources*, Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials

● **David M. Piper** (with Nicole Thiel and Dana Austin.), *Federal Wages and Hour Law: The Fair Labor Standards Act*, Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials

Tom VanDyke, *Hospitality With a Heart: Concepts and Models for Service Learning in Hospitality Education*, American Association for Higher Education

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Robert J. Ackerman, *Chicken Soup for the Recovering Soul*, Health Communication, Inc.

Lynn Botelho, *Old Age and the English Poor Law, 1500-1700*, Boydell and Brewer

Stuart Chandler, *Establishing a Pure Land on Earth: The Foguang Buddhist Perspective on Modernization and Globalization*, University of Hawaii Press

David Ian Hanauer, *Poetry and the Meaning of Life: Reading and Writing Poetry for the Language Arts Classroom*, Pippin Publishing

Ben Rafoth (with Shanti Bruce), *ESL Writers: A Guide for Writing Center Tutors*, Heinemann

Robert Zens, *Ottoman Borderlands: Issues, Personalities, and Political Changes*, University of Wisconsin Press

EBERLY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Terry Ray, *The Avatar...God, Man, or the Antichrist...*, Renegade Press

Ronald Weiars, *Introduction to Business Statistics* (fifth edition), Duxbury Press

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Arden B. Hamer, *Basic College Vocabulary Strategies*, Prentice Hall
● **Arden B. Hamer**, *Building College Vocabulary Strategies*, Prentice Hall

An anti-violence educator in Dover, N.H., **SCOTT HAMPTON M'91, D'99** is director of End the Violence, a sexual violence prevention initiative.

MELISSA HAY M'91 is head cheerleading and dance team coach at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C.

CHRIS SETLOCK '91 lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Leslie, and their children, Aidan and Lila.

TERRY WATKINS '92, M'95, a registered pharmacist working for CVS, lives in Phoenix, Ariz.



TRACY WEAVER '92 served as a volunteer for the fall recruitment fair at IUP.

Greensburg resident JENNIFER PASTVA CERCE '93, an associate with the firm of Maiello, Brungo, and Maiello, was appointed to the board of ACBA Services, Inc.

DENISE DRIBELBIS WALSH '93, controller for the Brandolini commercial real estate company, lives in Jeffersonville, Pa., with her husband, David, and can be reached at d_walsh@comcast.net.

SHARON STRAWN COMPTON '94, manager of Strawn Sales and Service, lives in Brookville, Pa., with her husband, Chad.

TRACI O'NEIL HINES '94 lives in Middletown, Ohio, with her husband, Charlie, and their daughters, Mia and Abby. She is a ninth grade health teacher at Monroe Junior/Senior High School, coordinates the "Drug-Free School" program, and is head coach of the volleyball program.

A mathematics and statistics instructor at Penn State University (Altoona), ANDREA BOITO '95 lives in Cresson, Pa.

Lancaster resident EDWARD KROW M'95 merged his consulting firm, Human Resources Essentials, into Beard Miller Company, where he works as a senior human resources consultant.

DONNA STILES LEHMAN '95, a project associate with Development Dimensions International, lives in Carmichaels, Pa., with her husband, Jeff, and daughter, Skylar.

JENNIFER GAIVAN-WOLF '95 lives in Ephrata, Pa., with her husband, Brad, and children, Drew and Ava.

JODI WRIGHT '97, internal communications manager in the public relations and marketing office at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, lives in Mooresville, N.C.

CHERYL CLARK '98, '86, M'87 is an associate professor of accounting at Point Park University and lives in Worthington, Pa.

KATHY KIRSCH PRICE '98, an early intervention specialist for the Pinnacle Health Infant Development Program, lives in Harrisburg with her husband, Chad, and daughter, Ella.

Indiana resident LEANN CHANFY '99, chief planner for the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development and president of Chaney Associates,

received the first Irving Hand Excellence in Planning Professional Development Award. She will use the award to complete her master's degree in geography at IUP.

HOPE NEARHOOD '99 served as a volunteer for two fall recruitment fairs at IUP.

RAFAEL RIVERA-VIGO '99, guest service manager for Disney Photo Imaging at Walt Disney World, received the 2004 YMCA Adult Achievers Award Developing Hispanic Leaders. He lives in Lakeland, Fla.

MATTHEW WENSEL '99, a manager at Applebees, lives in State College with his wife, JOANNA SANTILLI WENSEL '02, M'03, an elementary education teacher.

2000s

COURNEY DENICOLA '00 represented the university at college recruitment fairs in Plainsboro and Englishtown, N.J.

KRISTIN IRISH '00, director of marketing for First American Mortgage, Inc., lives in Miami Beach, Fla.

Latrobe resident MARK MORTIMER '00, a supervisor at Middle Creek Female Secure, an Adelphi Village group home, received the 2004 Trainer of the Year Award.

JOSHUA SCHNEIDER '00 represented the university at a college recruitment fair in Waldorf, Md.

Lawrence, Pa., resident ABIGAIL CUNNINGHAM '01, a teacher for Bright Horizons Family Solutions at the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children, married Alex Steurer in a ceremony that included bridesmaids KRISTA MAGAGNA '00 and CARIY ROHRER '01.

The wedding ceremony of Orlando, Fla., residents JACKIE LEWIS '01, a training coordinator for the Florida Department of Transportation, and Gary Reynolds included maid of honor KRISTINE HERNIMAN '01 and bridesmaid KELLY DUNLAY '01.

MOVING ON: Laura Fulmer, a Communications Media major from Indiana, Pa., delivered remarks on behalf of the baccalaureate graduates at December's commencement ceremonies.



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A VERY DIFFERENT BREAK: Between McElhane and Keith halls in February, a makeshift cardboard and tent city rose, created by students determined to draw attention to the problem of homelessness. For more than a hundred consecutive hours, student volunteers lived, slept, studied, and ate in the structures, raising not only awareness but also money for travel during spring break in March. In this, the third year for Alternative Spring Break at IUP, that travel would take students not to Cozumel or Cancun but to volunteer sites across the U.S. This year, the IUP volunteers planned to work in eastern Tennessee on environmental issues, in Montana on construction and restoration, and in Louisiana on hurricane relief



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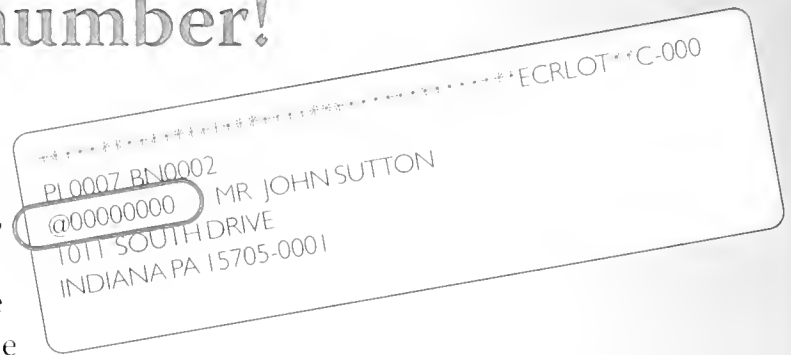
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MAURA CARUSO WREN '01, a registered nurse at Shore Memorial Hospital, lives in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., with her husband, Frank, and son, Francis.

Pittsburgh resident **HARRY YLAKHI '01** is a teacher with the North Allegheny School District.

JOSH PATTERSON '02, a Ponderosa restaurant manager, lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, **DESIREE LAVRINC PATTERSON '03**, an employee with Respironics.

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Bethlehem resident **GIANNA ALICEA '04** is a business analyst for UpStreme, Inc.

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A recipient of a \$25,000 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship, **KATHLEEN MORIARTY '04** is working with France's Ministry of Education as a high school English assistant and will begin graduate studies in global

affairs at the Universite de Geneve, Switzerland, in September.

EMILY SKOPIC '04 is attending graduate school in Pittsburgh at Point Park University.

Marion Center resident **EMILY WELLS '04** is assistant university designer at IUP.

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Weddings

1940s

LOIS MEYERS MILLER '48 to Philip McMahon, September 25, 2004.

1990s

ELIZABETH GILES '90 to Timothy Rourke, June 12, 2004. **VALERIE MACIEJCZYK '93** to Ian Cox, June 1, 2004. **SHARON STRAWN '94** to Chad Compton, September 18, 2004. **KEVIN O'MALLEY '97** to JILL ELLGASS '99, July 5, 2003.

2000s

JESSICA JAMES '00 to Joel Finsel, September 12, 2004. **ABIGAIL CUNNINGHAM '01** to Alex Steurer, October 23, 2004. **JACLYN LEWIS '01** to Gary Reynolds, March 12, 2005. **KARI PILECZYNSKI '01** to James Gallagher, June 26, 2004. **JOSHUA PATTERSON '02** to **DESIREE LAVRINC '03**, September 18, 2004. **STEPHANIE WILL '02, M'04** to **BRIAN HEATH M'04**, May 22, 2004. **CHRISTIE ROTH '04** to **ANDREW WILLIAMS '04**, August 14, 2004.



THE FIFTY-PIECE COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA of Hawthorne-at-Leesburg, Fla., features, from left, Peggy McCluskie Clark '51, concert mistress; John Gillespie '50, M'67, first chair trumpet; and Velma Bowser George '51, first chair flute.

Arrivals

1980s

To TERRI BRIGGS MIRACLE '87 and Kevin Miracle, a daughter, Emily Christine, September 24, 2004. To ROB PIERCE '87 and MARIA RIZZO PIERCE '88, a daughter, Michelle Catherine, April 17, 2004. To LISA CURREN SWATLAND '87 and Rob Swatland, a son, Lucien Alexander, November 7, 2001, and twins, Norah Delaney and Nathaniel Richard, May 24, 2004. To CARL MILLER '89 and RACHEL PIRRY MILLER '00, a daughter, Kyran Alexa, October 6, 2004. To RHONDA WILSON-SICKLES '89 and Jerry Sickles, a son, Ira Lee, October 5, 2004.

1990s

To LORI RUDZINSKI ACKERMAN '91 and Tim Ackerman, a son Rowan Prescott, November 5, 2004. To MELISSA DAVID-BAILEY '91 and RAIEH BAILEY '91, a son, Finn Whitaker, January 12, 2005. To IRENE SILER DUDA '91 and Darrin Duda, a daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth, August 20, 2004. To CHRIS SETLOCK '91 and Leslie Setlock, a daughter, Lila Josephine, November 24, 2004. To STACY SHACREAW AKER '92 and Jason Aker, a daughter, Abbey Jonelle, June 10, 2004. To MICHAEL FORT '93 and Leslie Fort, a daughter, Abigail June, January 27, 2004. To VINCENT RYAN '94, M'95 and CARRIE FAULHABER RYAN '95, a son, Luke Mason, January 13, 2005. To JENNIFER NEWTON SHUTTLEWORTH '94 and JIM SHUTTLEWORTH '95, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, September 13, 2004. To BARBARA MCKERNAN VEITH '94 and Gabriel Veith, a son, Adam Gabriel, December 7, 2004. To BETHANY HARKLESS DRAUGELAT '95 and Glenn Draugelat, a son, Jacob Thomas, September 29, 2002, and a son, Justin Tyler, June 14, 2004. To SANDRA KIINE HENDERSON '95 and Sean Henderson, a son, Owen Ford, June 16, 2004. To DONNA STILES LEHMAN '95 and Jeff Lehman, a

Coming UP

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Alumni Events

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Alumni Association Board of Directors on campus, May 6

Planned Giving Seminar, Pittsburgh, May 11

Planned Giving Seminar, Indiana, May 18

Eugene E. Lepley Natatorium Dedication, Zink Hall, May 28, 2:30 p.m. Call 724-357-3112 or send e-mail to pamela.fetterman@iup.edu for more information.

Alumni Reunion Weekend, Classes of 1950, 1955, 1960, and 1965, June 3-5

Safety Sciences Alumni Reception in conjunction with ASSE Convention, New Orleans, June 13

Harrisburg Alumni Chapter Vintage and New Sports Card Show, Harrisburg Mall, June 17-19

Danube River Cruise and Prague aboard the *Viking Pride*, July 13-24

Hawaiian Adventure aboard the *Pride of Aloha*, August 11-21

Eberly College of Business Golf Classic, Treesdale Country Club, Gibsonia, August 22

Homecoming, October 7-9

Athletics

For more information about all varsity athletic teams, please see www.iup.edu/athletics or call Sports Information at 724-357-2747.

Baseball

Clarion, April 15, 1:00 p.m.

at Clarion, April 16, 1:00 p.m.

at Mercyhurst, April 19, 1:00 p.m.

at Lock Haven, April 23, 1:00 p.m.

Lock Haven, April 24, 1:00 p.m.

at Shippensburg, April 29, 1:00 p.m.

Shippensburg, April 30, 1:00 p.m.

Lacrosse

Millersville, April 16, 1:00 p.m.

at Lock Haven, April 18, 2:00 p.m.

Gannon, April 19, 4:00 p.m.

Shippensburg, April 21, 4:00 p.m.

at East Stroudsburg, April 23, noon

Softball

at Edinboro, April 15, 2:30 p.m.

Slippery Rock, April 16, 1:00 p.m.

Clarion, April 22, 2:30 p.m.

at California, April 23, 1:00 p.m.

at Mansfield, April 25, 2:00 p.m.

Track and Field

Bucknell Distance Carnival, April 15-16

Slippery Rock Invitational, April 16

IUP Open, April 23

Penn Relays, April 27-30

Paul Keiser Invitational, May 1

Penn State Open, May 7

Family Weekend, November 4-6

Lively Arts

Please call 724-357-2547 for Lively Arts performance information.

Much Ado About Nothing, Theater-by-the-Grove, Waller Hall Mainstage, April 14-16 and April 20-23 at 8 p.m.; April 17, 2 p.m., \$12 regular admission; \$10 discount admission (seniors, groups of 15 or more); \$7 IUP student admission (high school students and younger and students from other colleges and universities, ID required) **Sidewalk Commentary** (Chalk on the Walk), Oak Grove, April 20, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visible on GroveCam (see www.iup.edu).

OnStage Arts and Entertainment

Please call 724-357-2315 for details about OnStage performances, which take place at 8 p.m. in Fisher Auditorium.

University Museum

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Two Exhibits: Norman Rockwell—The American Family Drawings and Life in the Valley: Streams of Coal. Exhibition of historic photographs documents life in Nanty Glo and other mining towns in the Blacklick Valley of Cambria County, Pennsylvania. The exhibit features photos by Ben Shahn and Alfred Eisenstaedt, selected from the collection of the Nant-Y-Glo Tri Area Historical Society. April 16 through May 17.

Mentors

Mentors is a feature that highlights and reports on IUP faculty members, past and present. News of alumni who are also faculty members will continue to appear in Class Notes as well.

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT FACULTY MEMBER DR. KATHRYN BONACH collaborated with a number of community agencies to establish the Child Advocacy Center. The center is designed to coordinate investigation and intervention services by bringing together professionals and agencies as a multidisciplinary team. A grant-funded effort, the center strives to bring a child-focused approach to child abuse cases.

DR. MIRIAM CHAIKEN is serving a two-year term as president of the Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition, a division of the American Anthropological Association.

AWARDED RESIDENCY at the MacDowell Artist Colony in New Hampshire in the winter, Patricia Villalobos Echeverria also exhibited her work at the National Theatre Ruben Dario in Managua, Nicaragua, in an exhibition curated by Luis Morales.

CURRENT MUSIC FACULTY and students took part in a memorial concert in honor of the late Dominic Intili, held at Indiana's Graystone Presbyterian Church in January.

ZINK HALL'S POOL will be dedicated as the Eugene E. Lepley Natatorium in May. The dedication honors the late Eugene Lepley M'60, who taught students in the Department of Health and Physical Education during three decades. He died in 1989. In 1991, a scholarship fund was established in his memory. It awards an annual scholarship to junior or senior students who demonstrate responsibility and volunteer service.

THE IUP MCNAIR SCHOLARS PROGRAM funding for the second year has been approved by the U.S. Department of Education. Second-year funding in the amount of \$220,000 will support twenty scholars with research stipends, conference travel, and other activities. The program is recruiting its second cohort of eligible students. Dr. Calvin Masilela of the Geography and Regional Planning Department is the program director and principal investigator.

DR. GARY OLMSTEAD, recently retired professor of music, received the Lifetime Achievement in Education Award from the Percussive Arts Society, an international organization of more than 8,000 members.

DR. FRANK VIGGIANO continues to appear on national and local television programs as a consumer products specialist. Recently, he has reviewed electronics and photography products.

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daughter, Skylar Marie, September 1, 2004. To **MARIANNE DiPAOLO ROBARI '95** and Robert Robare, a daughter, Meagan Regina, July 30, 2003, and a son, Brandon Edward, August 31, 2004. To **JENNIFER GAIVAN-WOLF '95** and Brad Wolf, a daughter, Ava Leighann, July 29, 2004. To **ALLISON KUNKA HANUSEY '96** and Eric Hanusey, a son, Luke William, November 6, 2004. To **SHAWN NICEWONGER M'96** and **LORIE WILLIAMS NICEWONGER '97**, a son, Cole Patrick, November 2, 2004. To **TERRY MCCANN '98** and Wendy May McCann '99, a son, Jay Terrance, November 16, 2004. To **ANDREA GUZZO DEL PIELAGO '99** and **JOSE DEL PIELAGO '99**, a daughter, Gabriella Riana, December 9, 2004.

2000s

To **OLIVIA MADICH MAKEL '00** and Jason Makel, a daughter, Ava Rose, November 5, 2004. To **RACHEL PERRY MILLER '00** and **CARL MILLER '89**, a daughter, Kyran Alexa, October 6, 2004. To **MAURA CARUSO WREN '01** and Frank Wren, a son, Francis Caruso, August 7, 2004.

Deaths

1924: Geraldine Wood Davis, Anna Swanson Doyle. **1925:** Rose Brady Bahm. **1926:** Helen Glassford. **1928:** Lucille Shearer Scheff

1930: Orpha Pentz Rhodes. **1932:** James Shaffer. **1934:** Jane Wallace McCreight, Besse Lutz Pfeiffer. **1936:** George Getty. **1937:** John Malone, Ruth Graham Werner

1940: William Kosanovich. **1942:** Evelyn Hughes Herold, Rebecca Allison Stockdale. **1943:** Evelyn Lytle. **1948:** Harold Bush

1950: Vance Keslar. **1953:** Helen Barr Breindel, Frank Shaffer.* **1955:** Laura Brunner Pflugfelder. **1957:** Leatha Sykes Nath. **1959:** Ralph Clark, William Colosimo

1960: Orel Divens, Jeanne Hair, Richard Schnurr. **1963:** Thomas Lamb

1970: Francis Buydos

1982: Donald Fox. **1986:** Robert Parrish

1993: John Novick

* former faculty or staff member as well as alumnus/a

Other Deaths

RUBY BUTTERWORTH, who worked in the IUP library from 1957 until her retirement in 1985, died November 19, 2004.

MICHAEL MCGOYNE, a freshman Psychology major from Steelton, died February 15, 2005.



COGSWELL CONNECTIONS: With Cogswell Hall completely emptied of faculty and students, its renewal continues. In this photo, looking east, new sanitary lines are run from the building and a new sanitary manhole is installed. At left, Oakland Avenue will soon be widened to three lanes; the stairs shown will descend to a new sidewalk next to the street. Waller Hall is at the top of the photo.

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IUP'S ALL-TIME WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM

IUP WOMEN'S TENNIS OPPONENTS IN 1974 COULD IDENTIFY WITH THE ARMY OF NAPOLEON THAT MARCHED ON MOSCOW. THEY, TOO, WERE DOOMED TO EPIC FAILURE.

THE 1974 TEAM: Front row, left to right: Sue Baker, Sue Hughes, Cheryl Mistrick, Terry Cook. Middle row, left to right: Barb Beatty, Jan Frissora, Anna Marie Raglani, Kathy Noble, Marcy Schwam. Back row, left to right: Beth Johnson, Vickie Barnot, Lynn Roser, Sue DeFalco, Coach Mary Louise Eltz.

“...it’s pretty remarkable, given that there wasn’t the money for scholarships and all the recruiting that goes on today in the sport. A lot of us were just walk-ons.”

Coach Mary Louise Eltz’s Indians finished 12-0 that season, but like the tip of an iceberg, that record reveals but a fraction of the tale. The true measure of their might is the fact that IUP won eleven of its matches by 5-0 scores and prevailed 4-1 in the other, after No. 1 singles player Terry Cook suffered an ankle injury in warm-ups and couldn’t continue.

The Indians pummeled opponents like a ruthless heavyweight champion, always winning by a knockout, never showing mercy. A case could even be made that Eltz’s juggernaut was the most dominant team in school history, regardless of sport.

“We seemed to be in a different league than everyone else,” said Cheryl Mistrick Piper, who resides in Chantilly, Va. “You’re talking about a phenomenal team. We were so strong we just overpowered every other team.”

Not only did the Indians win fifty-nine of sixty singles and doubles matches that fall; they took 118 of 124 sets. The challenge facing foes was comparable to climbing Everest in a howling blizzard. Fact is, they struggled just to win games.

“It’s actually quite amazing to go through an entire season and lose only one match,” said Barb Beatty Patterson, a research manager for a Chicago mergers and acquisitions firm who lives in Richland, Mich. “It’s so rare, especially at the collegiate level. And it’s pretty remarkable, given that there wasn’t the money for scholarships and all the recruiting that goes on today in the sport. A lot of us were just walk-ons.”

IUP’s success, in light of such limitations, can be attributed in large part to Eltz, an exceptional coach based both on her record (153-47 over fifteen seasons) and her influence on those she directed.

“It was such a positive experience playing for her,” said Jan Frissora, a self-employed software consultant who resides in Moon Township. “We all did a tremendous amount of growing under Coach Eltz. She really was a good role model for young women. That’s what I remember most, more than any individual matches.”

Eltz consistently turned out winning teams, but her 1974 squad was positively transcendent. The Indians were like a steamroller, pulverizing everything in their path. If Cook didn’t set the tone with a lopsided victory, Marcy Schwam did. Cook compiled an 8-0 record at No. 1 singles and Schwam was 12-0 at No. 2. Together they rid their opponents of hope and their matches of suspense.

“They were two outstanding players, and it was because they worked at it,” said Eltz, who retired from IUP’s health and physical education faculty in 1997. “I mean, they had athletic ability, but they worked at everything they did.”

The third member of the singles lineup was no slouch, either. Mistrick posted a 12-0 record while losing only twenty-seven games in twenty-four sets. She cranked out “bagels”—tennis parlance for a 6-0 score—like a Manhattan deli.

“When you have a player with as much experience as I had—I

won a lot of tournaments in the Pittsburgh area and I taught at a racquet club—and I’m playing third singles, that tells you how talented we were,” Piper says. “Terry and I usually finished off our matches in forty-five minutes. We had a conscious battle to see who could get off the court first. And Marcy was very strong on endurance—she ran marathons and everything—so that gave her an edge on opponents. You’re talking about a team very strong in singles. And we were equally strong in doubles.”

Beth Johnson compiled an 11-0 record with various partners; Beatty and Lynn Roser were each 8-0; Anna Marie Raglani was 7-0; and Sue Hughes was 6-0.

IUP’s only setback in sixty individual matches occurred in the season opener. Cook was a late scratch because of her ankle, forcing Eltz to insert Frissora—a doubles specialist—into the No. 1 singles slot opposite Jill Phillipson, Chatham’s top player. Phillipson won 7-5, 6-1, the only blemish in IUP’s otherwise perfect season.

The Indians won every other match 5-0, including a pivotal showdown at Slippery Rock. Eltz took a page out of Knute Rockne’s book and delivered a spirited pep talk before her team battled the unbeaten Rockets, who had spoiled IUP’s bid for perfect seasons in 1972 (9-1) and 1973 (11-1).

“They were the only other school we played that had a phys ed major, so they were good in all of their women’s sports,” said Schwam, a resident of Marblehead, Mass., who works for Reebok as director of U.S. custom footwear. “They were clearly our archrival.”

And they were clearly no match for IUP. The Rockets, despite the backing of a raucous crowd, failed to win even a set.

“They thought they had it in the bag,” Eltz recalled. “Their No. 1 player was Jackie Albenze, who followed me as coach at IUP. She was heartbroken, because they always were top dog, and we took them.”

The Indians blanked Slippery Rock again two weeks later to improve to 10-0, clobbered California for their eleventh victory, then traveled to Edinboro for the finale. Cook, Schwam, and Mistrick swept the singles matches while surrendering only three games, and the doubles teams of Roser-Beatty and Hughes-Johnson completed the 5-0 rout—and the first undefeated season in the history of the program. The players recall the numbing cold and swirling snow flurries more vividly than details of the victory.

“I was used to playing in ninety-degree heat for three or four hours a day during the summer,” Piper said. “To play that day was a real challenge. I remember we were drinking hot chocolate during the match, trying to keep warm.”

Snow and frigid temperatures, though on a grander scale, ultimately drove Napoleon’s army from Russia in 1812. His invasion ranks as an epic failure, a fate common to every one of IUP’s tennis opponents in another autumn, 162 years later.

Mary Louise Eltz’s Indians crushed them all, by an aggregate score of 59-1. They dominated the competition like no other IUP athletic team. Ever. 🐾

FAST Starters

Marek Malopolski and Bartosz Ostrowski exploded onto the IUP swimming scene like Fourth of July fireworks, with flashes of brilliance that left spectators—and even their coach—agape in wonder.

Dave Caldwell figured the freshmen from Poland would shatter school records in their first season. But in their first meet? Not even Nostradamus could've seen that one coming.

The men with the long names made short work of the opposition at the season-opening PSAC Fall Sprint Meet in West Chester. Malopolski won three individual events, set a school record of 58.81 seconds in the 100-yard breaststroke, swam legs on two victorious relay teams, and was named the NCAA Division II national Swimmer of the Week by *CollegeSwimming.com* for his efforts. Ostrowski touched the wall first in two individual events, set an IUP record of 46.39 in the 100 freestyle, and swam on two winning relay teams.

As first impressions go, theirs was second to none.

"I think we did a good job," said Ostrowski, who resides in Swidnik, near Poland's southeastern border with Ukraine. "It was very easy for us actually."

Malopolski and Ostrowski have continued their all-out assault on the IUP record book since that smashing debut. Malopolski held three school standards at press time, with the conference and national meets still to come: the 200 individual medley (1:53.70); the 100 breaststroke (57.79); and the 200 breaststroke, in which his time (2:05.24) ranked fourth nationally. Ostrowski owned the 50 freestyle (21.02)

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and 100 free records, his time in the latter (45.10) good for second-best nationally. Between them, Malopolski and Ostrowski have lowered school standards on seventeen occasions this season.

None of their success surprises Caldwell, whose previous experience with Poles colored his optimism.

"I was lucky enough to coach with the 1992 Polish Olympic coach when I was at Clemson years ago, and one of my good friends who I coached with in Arizona was an Olympian on the '92 Polish women's team," he said. "So I knew a lot about the type of athletes Marek and Bart were. I had high expectations for the simple fact that I knew they would fit well in our program. I knew if they were given the opportunity, they were going to excel."

Their promise in swimming was recognized at an early age, which led Malopolski and Ostrowski to Roselle Catholic School of Sports Champions in Krakow. They became fast friends there, all the while refining their skills in the pool.

"What you find mainly in the old Eastern Bloc countries is that kids were identified at young ages by their athletic abilities and fun-

neled into different areas," Caldwell said. "In Europe, you'll find that a lot of the kids grew up together, doing everything together. There's still a lot of those state-run programs around."

With their graduation from Roselle Catholic approaching, Malopolski and Ostrowski resolved to continue their schoolwork and their pool work in the United States. They fixed their sights on IUP.

"A friend from Poland used to study in New Jersey," said Malopolski, who lives in Kedzierzyn-Kozle, near Poland's southern border with the Czech Republic. "He really wanted to come here, but they didn't have his major. He told me that if I'm looking for a good school, I should check this one. So I e-mailed the coach, and he answered positively."

This was a package deal Caldwell couldn't resist. And Malopolski and Ostrowski discovered that coming to IUP in tandem provided an added benefit: Having another Pole on the team diminished the chance of feeling alienated in a strange land, far from home.

"It's very helpful," said Malopolski. "Sometimes when you're under pressure or something, it's really nice to have someone to talk to—in your own language."

"Yes, we can support each other," Ostrowski said.

That built-in support system has enabled them to seamlessly adjust to a new country.

"Either one coming here on their own would have ultimate issues trying to assimilate," Caldwell said. "But having one another, they help each other out."

They've helped his program, too. Malopolski and Ostrowski led the men to a 9-1 dual meet record, the best in years. They've also raised hopes that IUP can produce its first national champion since 1979. The NCAA Division II meet was to take place March 9-12 in Orlando, Fla.

"I see Bart placing somewhere in the top five in the 200 free, probably going somewhere around a 1:39," Caldwell said. "In the 100, realistically he's gonna go 44 low, 43 high. Marek, his 100 breaststroke, he's got enough speed to go 56 low, which is gonna put him in the top five. The 200 breaststroke, he's got a shot to win that, he really does. And Bart's got a shot to win that 100 free. The 200 IM, there's no way Marek's gonna win that—the guy that's first is way out there. But I definitely know he can drop down close to 1:50, and that'll put him in the top four. So they've got a great shot at running the table and being in the top five in every one of their events."

That would cap an extraordinary journey for Marek Malopolski and Bartosz Ostrowski—from Poland to America to All-Americans in the span of a year. And finishing with a bang, like fireworks on the Fourth, only seems fitting.

After all, they launched their IUP careers with an explosive performance. 🌟

Bartosz Ostrowski, left, and Marek Malopolski



Name Droppers

BY BOB FULTON



Eric Cooke '94 wasn't struck by a sense of déjà vu in December as much as he was overwhelmed by it. Cooke coached North Stafford High School to its best football season ever (13-1) and a berth in Virginia's Group AAA Division 5 state championship game. Unfortunately, a 35-27 loss to Meadowbrook stirred painful memories for Cooke, a defensive tackle on the 1993 IUP team that suffered a heart-wrenching 41-34 setback against North Alabama in the NCAA Division II title game. "The similarities between the championship game at IUP and this one were so very strong," he said. "It was hard to believe it was happening all over again. The records were identical—we were 13-0, same as we were at IUP. The game went along the same path as our game at IUP did. And the emotions I felt at the end were the same." Cooke will coach next season at a brand-new high school in Stafford County, Mountain View. His wife, **Laurie Cooke '94, M'96**, is a special education teacher at Stafford High School.

Junior forward **Suzanne Cornelissen** and freshman midfielder **Elsbeth Beijnes** were named first-team All-Americans by the National Field Hockey Coaches Association and made

the NCAA Division II tournament all-star squad after leading IUP to the national semifinals. Junior **Kandice Pyles** was a second-team NFHCA selection. Cornelissen was also named to the *womenstieldhockey.com* All-America first team, with Beijnes, Pyles, and freshman defender **Liz Martini** joining her as second-team picks. Beijnes earned Rookie of the Year honors and was joined on the all-freshman team by Martini and midfielder **Fleur Tjong**. The Indians set a school record for victories en route to an 18-5 season.

Jim Hostler '89, who played and coached under **Frank Cignetti '60, M'65**, has joined the San Francisco 49ers as their quarterbacks coach. Hostler spent the last two seasons as a New York Jets assistant and previously served on the staffs of the Kansas City Chiefs and New Orleans Saints. He was a two-time all-conference cornerback at IUP.

The University of Florida hired **Bob LaCivita '71** as director of Football Operations in February. LaCivita previously held

the same position at North Carolina State, where he worked with quarterbacks coach and recruiting coordinator Curt Cignetti, Frank's son.

Senior setter **Lacey George** and junior middle blocker **Brittany Gates** were named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association Atlantic Region all-star team, George for the fourth time. They were also selected to the Daktronics all-region second team. Senior outside hitter **Marcy Stutzman** was a second-team *ESPN the Magazine* Academic All-America pick and earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-District II squad. Coach **Carmine Cortazzo '70** guided IUP to a 27-11 record and a fifth consecutive NCAA tournament berth.

Leland Hardy '84, former agent for 1998 Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams and long-time business advisor to Richard Williams—father of Serena and Venus—was pictured in the Dec. 13 edition of *Sports Illustrated*. Hardy handles the marketing for tennis phenoms Jabari and Emira Stafford, who were profiled in the magazine.

Mike Gazda '98 has embarked on his rookie season in the big leagues as media relations manager for the Florida Marlins. "I'm obviously excited," he said. "When I decided I wanted to go into

media relations in baseball, absolutely my goal was working in the major leagues. It's kind of fulfilling to finally have reached that goal." Gazda, a former *Penn* sports editor, spent five years as media relations director and assistant general manager of the Triple-A Sacramento River Cats before his promotion to the majors.

Senior wide receiver **LeRon McCoy**, sophomore tackle **Jason Capizzi**, and freshman linebacker **Kirby Griffin** earned D2Football.com second-team Northeast Region honors and were third-team *Don Hansen Football Gazette* All-Northeast Region picks along with senior tight end **Pat Liebert**, junior punter **Brian Burke**, and sophomore tailback **Chris Morgan**. McCoy was selected to play in the Cactus Bowl, the Division II all-star game in Kingsville, Tex., along with senior linebacker **Kris Griffin**, Kirby's brother. McCoy also received an invitation to participate in February's NFL scouting combine, the annual pre-draft gathering of prospects, coaches, and scouts in Indianapolis.

Bob Miscik '80, M'89, who has spent most of his postgraduate life in professional baseball, is the Cincinnati Reds' new minor league field coordinator. Miscik, a four-time all-district infielder at IUP and later a Pittsburgh Pirates farmhand for seven sea-

sons, has also worked in various capacities with the Baltimore Orioles and Texas Rangers organizations.

Fannar Olafsson, who helped lead IUP's basketball team to the national semifinals in 2002 before launching a professional career in his native Iceland, scored twelve points and grabbed nine rebounds in his February debut with the German pro team ratiopharm Ulm, coached by **Mike Taylor '95**. Ulm was 16-4 in league play at press time. Olafsson began the season with Doukas, a second-division Greek team.

Sophomore forward **Erin Falce**, who has already set school records for career goals (43) and points (103), landed a first-team berth on the National Soccer Coaches Association All-Northeast Region squad. Sophomore forward **Crystal Heder** and sophomore back **Corey Weir** earned second-team honors.

Brian Basile '81, who played defensive back for three seasons at IUP (1978-80), is the head coach of the Johnstown Riverhawks, one of six teams in the fledgling Atlantic Indoor Football League. "This is something I've really looked forward to," he said. "I've always wanted to be a head coach and have the challenge of being in charge. So I'm thrilled about this opportunity." Basile's defensive coordinator is **Chuck Gironda**, an IUP assistant coach between 1986 and 2002. The Riverhawks launched their twelve-game season April 16 against the Erie Freeze. 🐾

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very personable and friendly. Following our portion of the run-through, she talked to them briefly and posed for pictures.

The day of the game, all of the pregame participants met at a central location in Jacksonville. We then had a police escort to the stadium. (I think there were nineteen buses full of people, with our school leading the way!) The students and staff received their credentials that would allow us on the field, and we passed through the strict security—just as we had a few days before.

Being on the field was just thrilling for everyone (including me), and seeing/meeting folks like Alicia Keys, Black Eyed Peas, Gretchen Wilson, Will Smith, the president of Fox Broadcasting, and all the production people was just amazing. Some of our students got a tour of the Jaguars locker room and met Jaguars players, and some shook hands with President Clinton and saw the first President Bush. And yet, the students were treated like celebrities themselves.

The entire month of preparation for the three-minute appearance at the Super Bowl was valuable in so many ways. Phone calls started coming to the school before we had even left the stadium. The kids have been featured in local and state media and on national news and entertainment shows, such as ESPN, *Access Hollywood*, and network morning shows, and we have had many e-mails flying in with words of congratulations and tears of joy. The performance of "America the Beautiful" seems to have been one of the highlights of the day. For the kids, it was one of the highlights of their lives.

More information about the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, alma mater of the legendary Ray Charles, is on the web at www.fsdbsuperbowl.com.



Michael D. Pope, *Lawton Constitution*

IF THE SHOE FITS

Spurred by job frustration and lifelong love of horses, Christine Draksler Abramo '87 traded sixteen years of creating medical board certification exams for a new career as a farrier. In 2003, she switched gears and moved to Oklahoma with her husband, Peter Abramo '87, four children, and three horses. As owner of Christine's Custom Horseshoeing, she now drives a truck loaded down with horseshoes, a forge, anvil, and a variety of tools, shoeing horses across

her biology education when working with the horses, noting that many trained farriers are closely associated with veterinarians. Farrier work can be almost like surgery, as the hoof contains living tissue. "I'm real happy doing this," she said. "It's so much better than sitting in an office or commuting."

For more about Christine Abramo, please visit IUP Magazine Web Exclusives at www.iup.edu/publications/iup-mag.

the southwest corner of the state.

It took twelve weeks of training for her to learn forge work, the making of horseshoes, how to fit them to hooves, and other unsung facets of the trade. Abramo applies



Keith Boyer

10, an exhibition of contemporary art, took place in IUP's Kipp Gallery this past winter. The ten featured artists, all IUP alumni, represent a new generation whose art has gained prominent attention through exhibitions, grants, and scholarships. The artists were Hannah Israel '97, curator and organizer of the exhibition; Garth Freeman '97; Stephanie Ashenfelder '97; Wade Kramm '98; Kim Snyder '96; Eric Stern M'98, M'99; Dave Marin '97; Orion Wertz '97; Kim Hughmanic '96; and Bryan Lauch '00. More information can be found at www.iup.edu/news.

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